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FREE SHOPS REDUCE PRICES

EGGS REDUCED 30 PERCENT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 116, 21 May 50

The following average price reductions in the Free Shops (HO) will  
 become effective on 22 May.

	<u>Reductions (%)</u>
Pork	21
Beef	13
Cold cuts, sausages	18
Canned meat	18
Veal and mutton	12
Fats (excepting margarine)	18
Eggs	30
Mayonnaise	26

According to Paul Baender, General Manager of the HO, the price of mar-  
 garine has not been affected by the reductions because the 50-percent price  
 cut in March resulted in such heavy demand that current capacities of margarine  
 factories are inadequate for further increases in production. The reason for  
 the comparatively small price reduction for sausage is the present shortage of  
 animal gut for casings.

Prices for meat and egg dishes in the HO restaurants have been reduced as  
 follows:

	<u>Old Price (DM)</u>	<u>New Price (DM)</u>
Pork chop	12.05	8.00
Roast pork	8.10	6.15
Holstein schnitzel	15.60	12.40
Roast mutton	5.85	4.80
Stew	7.30	5.85
Pigs knuckles	15.25	11.20
Melette (2 eggs) and ham	6.35	4.70
Russian eggs (2)	6.45	5.85
Sausage and salad	3.75	3.40
Sausage and rolls	3.25	3.00

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FOOD-PROCESSING PLANT ACTIVE -- Wirtschaft in Aufbau, No 10, 15 May 49

The former Burk and Braun chocolate factory in Cottbus, which was converted to an armaments factory during the war and subsequently dismantled, has been reconverted into a food-processing plant known as the REWI plant and employing over 100 persons. In 1948, it canned 200 tons of vegetables and produced 200,000 jars of preserved fruit weighing 2 kilograms each.

The plant also produces prepared mustard, and since 1 May a modern bakery has been in operation. Among other installations the bakery has a conveyer-belt oven which can bake 2.5 tons of pastry during one 8-hour day or 80,000 loaves of bread. A deep-freeze unit is to be installed in 1950.

In order to avoid duplication, the plant does not produce candy, marmalade, or synthetic honey, since such items are produced in the Lausitz Food Supply Plant in Cottbus.

Each of the departments in the plant operates as a separate unit, but all are under the same management.

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